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S.B. No. 647

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a transportation allotment credit for school districts  
3 required to take action to reduce wealth per student and inclusion  
4 of the cost of education adjustment in the computation of weighted  
5 average daily attendance.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Section 42.155, Education Code, is amended by  
8 adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

9 (m) A school district that is required to take action under  
10 Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth  
11 level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of the allotments to  
12 which the district is entitled under this section, against the  
13 total amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to  
14 purchase attendance credits. The commissioner may adopt rules  
15 necessary to implement this subsection.

16 SECTION 2. Section 42.302(a), Education Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (a) Each school district is guaranteed a specified amount  
19 per weighted student in state and local funds for each cent of tax  
20 effort over that required for the district's local fund assignment  
21 up to the maximum level specified in this subchapter. The amount  
22 of state support, subject only to the maximum amount under Section  
23 42.303, is determined by the formula:

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$$\text{GYA} = (\text{GL} \times \text{WADA} \times \text{DTR} \times 100) - \text{LR}$$

1 where:

2 "GYA" is the guaranteed yield amount of state funds to be  
3 allocated to the district;

4 "GL" is the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local  
5 funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort, which is an  
6 amount described by Subsection (a-1) or a greater amount for any  
7 year provided by appropriation;

8 "WADA" is the number of students in weighted average daily  
9 attendance, which is calculated by dividing the sum of the school  
10 district's allotments under Subchapters B and C, less any allotment  
11 to the district for transportation and [~~7~~] any allotment under  
12 Section 42.158 or 42.160, [~~and 50 percent of the adjustment under~~  
13 ~~Section 42.102,~~] by the basic allotment for the applicable year;

14 "DTR" is the district enrichment tax rate of the school  
15 district, which is determined by subtracting the amounts specified  
16 by Subsection (b) from the total amount of maintenance and  
17 operations taxes collected by the school district for the  
18 applicable school year and dividing the difference by the quotient  
19 of the district's taxable value of property as determined under  
20 Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if applicable,  
21 under Section 42.2521, divided by 100; and

22 "LR" is the local revenue, which is determined by multiplying  
23 "DTR" by the quotient of the district's taxable value of property as  
24 determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if  
25 applicable, under Section 42.2521, divided by 100.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.